



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>For:</b>	VESSEL HARVESTING RETRACTOR WITH BILATERAL ELECTROSURGICAL LIGATION	<b>Dated:</b>	July 16, 2004

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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.48, Applicants petition to correct the inventorship in the above-captioned patent. The error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on the part of either the inadvertently omitted inventors or the inadvertently named inventor. The correct inventorship should be as follows:

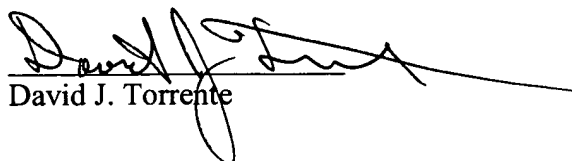
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This petition is accompanied by (1) a statement of each person being added as an inventor and each person being deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on any of their parts; (2) a declaration of the actual inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; (3) by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (4) by the written consent of the assignee in this Application, with statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) establishing the right of the Assignee. Early and favorable grant of this petition is kindly requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)  
Statement of Gary L. Long Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)  
Declaration  
Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(5)  
Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)